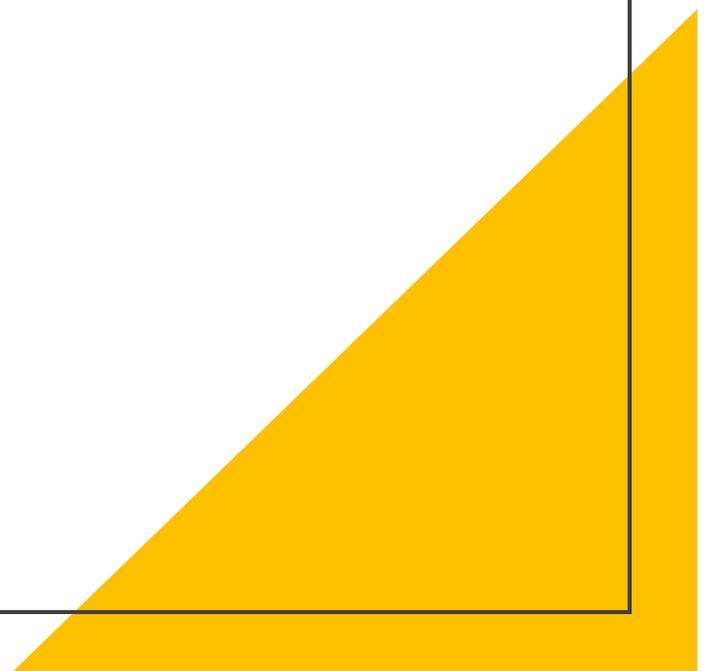


World War I: Overview



This Unit....

- Causes of WWI
- Video overview and vocabulary
- Primary Sources analysis
- How WWI lead to WWII
- Understanding impact of WWI on current conflicts
- Interwar years research assignment

Causes of WWI:

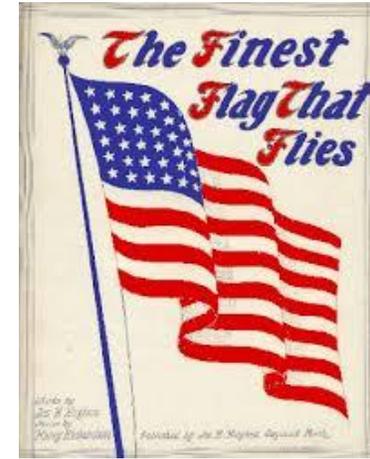
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Nationalism

Alliances

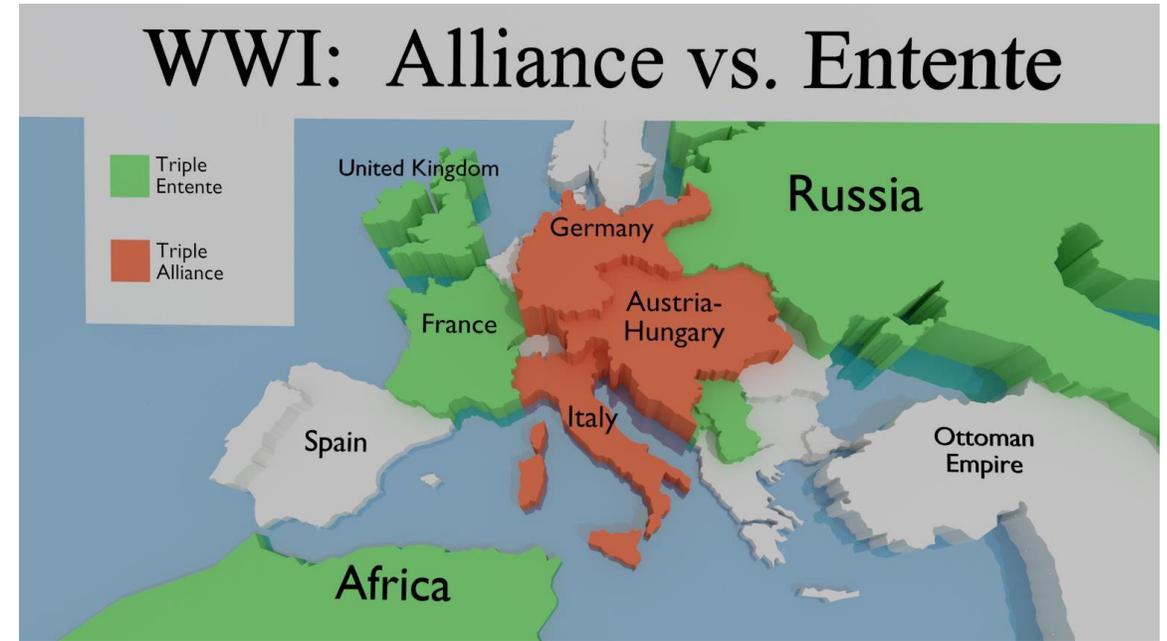
NATIONALISM

- Strong identification with one's own nation and support for its interests, especially to the exclusion of the interests of other nations.
- New technology created more advanced weapons and armies were bigger than ever before



ALLIANCES

- By 1914 all the major powers were linked by a system of alliances.
- The alliances made it more likely that a war would start.
- Once started, the alliances made it more likely to spread.



Triple Entente:

Britain, France, and Russia

Triple Alliance:

Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy

THE BIG TRIGGER

- On 28 June 1914, heir to the Austrian throne Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated by a Serbian rebel
- Austrians (supported by Germany) blame Serbia (supported by Russia) for supporting terrorists
- Russia prepares troops to support Serbia
- Germany declares war on Russia
- Germany declares war on France
- England declares war on Germany
- WWI started



Discussion Questions:

Why do you think European countries fighting over colonies lead to a big war?

How did the alliance system lead to war? Do you think war was inevitable? Why/why not?

How do you think people living in the colonies felt about being controlled by European countries?

Can you imagine and describe what life was like for them during the war?

Video: WWI Explained in 5 mins

